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1. Replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 21 with the following paragraph:

The step of detecting whether the cover is present on the game ticket preferably includes providing a cover sensor output. In some forms of the invention, the cover sensor output is interpreted to produce a logical signal, that is, either a logical high-level output or a low-level output. The sensor output may be produced by any suitable sensor such as an optical sensor or a magnetic sensor for example.

2. Replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 18 with the following paragraph:

The game ticket cover 51 includes a feature 53, which, in the form of the invention shown in FIG. 3C, comprises a dark stripe running lengthwise along the exposed side of the cover material. This feature 53 is adapted to be detected by cover sensor 25 described above with reference to the player station shown in FIG. 2. More particularly, cover sensor 25 is in position to detect feature 53 in the event ticket 40 is inserted into the ticket reader 24 shown in FIG. 2 with cover 51 still in place on the ticket. Thus, processor 20 associated with player station 17 in FIG. 2 may use the output from cover sensor 25 in determining if the ticket 40 has been inserted with the cover 51 still attached. With ticket 40 inserted into reader 24, an output from sensor 25 produced in response to the presence of feature 53 indicates that cover 51 is still present on ticket 40. On the other hand, an output of sensor 25 produced in response to the absence of feature 53 (with ticket 40 inserted into reader 24) indicates that game ticket cover 51 had has been removed.

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